

earned a reputation in West Michigan as a hard-working and reliable city manager for both Coopersville and Newaygo. Bryon had the opportunity to return to his hometown of Muskegon in 1994 and has served as the city manager ever since.

Muskegon is a place where families and businesses can thrive. A city of 38,000 people and 1,100 businesses, Muskegon is representative of Michigan as a manufacturing hub, popular beach-town, and close knit community. Bryon certainly played a large roll in making Muskegon what it is today.

During his 19 years as the city manager for Muskegon, Bryon tackled challenging projects that revitalized his hometown. To name just a few, Bryon oversaw the implementation of the Muskegon Lake Express, Lake Michigan's first high-speed, cross lake ferry. He also spearheaded improvements to L.C. Walker Arena, helped establish two Grand Valley State University facilities in Muskegon, developed Shoreline Drive and Bluffton Bay Estates, created many beautiful miles of bike trails, and encouraged countless other redevelopment projects, improving the economy while showcasing Muskegon's natural beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Bryon recently announced that he will retire in October, capping 19 notable years as the Muskegon City Manager. His tenure in a position that rarely has longevity, speaks volumes about his managing skills and ability to work with Commissioners and staff for the good of the people. While Bryon will no longer be Muskegon's City Manager, he will continue to play a prominent roll in the city that he dedicated decades to.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring City Manager of Muskegon Bryon Mazade for his great service in Muskegon and throughout West Michigan.

#### A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SIEV

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Robert Siev of South Pasadena, California, a kind, brave and highly respected man.

Robert was born on April 6, 1926, in Germany. During the Holocaust, at the age of thirteen, he and some of his family escaped by boarding a moving train in Lithuania, getting their visas stamped by Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara, and then jumping off of that train. After a dangerous flight across Russia, they eventually made it to America. Having lost much of his family to the Holocaust, including his younger brother Jonah, Robert was eternally grateful to the United States for permitting his family to emigrate, live freely and for the educational opportunities the United States afforded.

The Sievs came to the United States and settled in New York, where Robert attended New York University. During this time period, he taught himself English, joined the Army, and became a United States citizen. Robert moved to Philadelphia and while at Penn State University, in 1943, he met the love of his life, Beatrice (Bea) Spector. Robert and

Bea got married and in 1946, their daughter Carol was born. In 1955, Robert moved his family to South Pasadena, California, where he and Bea became active in the community.

A chemical engineer by trade, Robert worked for renowned engineering companies CF Braun, Aerojet General, and Bechtel from which he retired. In his volunteer life, Robert was involved in all aspects of the South Pasadena community. Generous with his time and money, he was active in the South Pasadena Educational Foundation—which supports the city's schools, interested in city politics, and he was a staunch “freeway fighter” in the effort to stop the 710 freeway extension through South Pasadena. Robert was a steadfast supporter of Israel and was proud of the accomplishments made by the Jewish people. He was very involved in his temple, Temple Beth Israel in Highland Park, and was a continuous contributor to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Holocaust Museum. In addition, Mr. Siev was also occasionally the featured guest speaker at various organizations, where he would speak about his own experiences during the Holocaust.

Robert passed away on July 6, 2013, and is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Beatrice, daughter Carol, brother-in-law Ellis, son-in-law Stuart, grandchildren Lisa and Daniel, and one great-grand daughter Shana. I ask all members to join me in remembering Robert Siev, a true treasure to the South Pasadena and greater Los Angeles community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JESSE EDWARDS GREEN

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a dear friend, Colonel Jesse Edwards Green. Col. Green passed away at the age of 90 in Windermere, Florida, on June 30, 2013.

Col. Green was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 30, 1922, to the late Claire and Jesse Green. As the son of a career Army officer, he followed in his father's footsteps and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. In 1946, he graduated from West Point with his Army Air Corps pilot wings and was assigned to the Air Force's first all jet squadron. In January 1947, Col. Green married the love of his life, former Caroline Bailey, and started a family which grew to four children.

Col. Green's 30-year military career included over 120 combat missions in Korea, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two tours in Vietnam. He also graduated as a test pilot from the Air Force Flight Test School at Edwards Air Force Base in California and was among the first Air Force pilots to fly above 50,000 feet in the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. His bravery, dedication and sacrifice to our nation will not be forgotten.

In 1976, after retiring from the Air Force, Col. Green and his wife moved to Windermere, Florida. During retirement, they both enjoyed water skiing, cooking and gardening together. Today, their papayas are legendary on Second Avenue in downtown

Windermere. Col. Green was also a beloved friend, board member and construction volunteer of the Edgewood Children's Ranch and West Orange Habitat for Humanity. For 37 years, he volunteered alongside many friends and neighbors building homes and varieties of construction projects. The numerous contributions that Col. Green made to his community, along with his legacy of hard work, strength and love he leaves behind to his children and grandchildren will be forever cherished.

He was a loving and dedicated father, son, brother, grandfather, and uncle. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, my prayers and condolences go out to his loving wife of 67 years Caroline, his daughters Patricia, Molly, and Judy, son Mike, grandchildren Leon, Cannon-Marie, Cody, Kyra, Serafina, Tyler, Evan, Kellen, Caitlin, and Michael, sister-in-law Anne Bailey, and many beloved nieces and nephews. May God bless them through this time of remembrance.

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN SOMALIA

#### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the people and Government of Turkey.

On July 27, 2013, their embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia was attacked by three suicide bombers. Two security guards and a Somali student lost their lives in the explosions, while several members of the embassy staff were also injured. An al-Qaida-linked, Somali militant group named al-Shabab has claimed responsibility for the attack. This serves as a stark reminder that al-Qaida remains strong throughout the Middle East and Africa and needs to be confronted at every turn.

Turkey has been a force for good in Somalia and is actively involved with Somalia's reconstruction. Turkish aid workers have been assisting Somali authorities to rebuild their war torn country by undertaking development projects, including street renovations and the construction of schools. Furthermore, Turkey continues to strengthen commercial ties with Somalia to help boost its economy.

Mr. Speaker, I share the Obama administration's condemnation of this attack and express my condolences in the strongest terms possible.

#### HONORING DANIEL WEICKENAND

#### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Daniel Weickenand on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Weickenand is the President and CEO of Orion Federal Credit Union in Memphis, Tennessee. He earned his BA in accounting